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six brigades met this goal. The administration's concentration plants considerably exceeded the January plan for processing ore and recovery of metal in concentrate form. Along with early completion of the 1951 plan, the administration's workers have also pledged to mechanize ore haulage from the stopes 85 percent.

Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 8 Feb 51

The Chimkent Lead Plant was cited at a trade union conference in Kazakhstan as one of the enterprises of the republic which is not meeting its plans.

LENINGRAD ENTERPRISES MEET PLAN -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 1 Feb 51

Leningrad enterprises of the Ministry of Nonferrous Metallurgy fulfilled the 1950 gross-production plan 101 percent.

NEW PLANT OPERATES IN ARMENIA; PROSPECTING INCREASES -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 21 Mar 51

During the past few years, nonferrous metallurgy has made great progress in the Armenian SSR. In 1950, the output of nonferrous metals increased 80 percent over 1948.

The "Kanaz" Plant [Kanaker Aluminum Plant] was put into operation in mid-1950. Workers of this plant mastered the production of the basic product in a short period of time and steadily improved its quality. However, plant director Akopov, chief engineer Sotskiy, and Agasaryan, secretary of the party organization, should organize production in such a way that the enterprise may take its place among leading Soviet enterprises of a similar type, which show better results with regard to consumption of electric power, as well as quantity and quality of production. The work of the construction organization should be so regulated that government orders for completion of the second and third sections of the plant will be fulfilled within the prescribed periods. Republic organizations must realize the importance of this enterprise and render every possible aid to the construction organization, mainly by supplying construction engineers and delivering the necessary construction materials. The rayon party committees must improve their relations with construction organizations and give systematic aid by recruiting labor in their respective rayons.

The completion of the first section of the Kadzharanskiy Combine has contributed a great deal toward further increasing the production of nonferrous metallurgy in the Armenian SSR.

During the past few years, geological prospecting for nonferrous metals, polymetallic ores, and other mineral resources has been carried on more intensively. In 1950, the volume of geological prospecting increased more than four times as compared with 1948. During this period, preliminary work for mining copper and other nonferrous metals increased 2-2½ times. Some of the new deposits have been sufficiently investigated and industrial mining has begun in these locations.

In connection with the further expansion of geological prospecting work, the Armenian Geological Administration must concentrate its attention on the use of new prospecting techniques and on improving the workers' housing and living conditions.

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